APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of starred question No. 1808 asked by Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 2nd April 1955, page 1110 supra.]

It has been decided to give financial assistance to indigent T.B. patients out of the annual income from "The Bhavanagar Kshayarog Fund" every year commencing from the 1st January 1955 to the extent possible. Applications for the assistance will be received and orders granting the 'assistance' will be issued by Government in the Health, Education and Local Administration Department acting under the orders of the Minister for Health.

The instructions to be observed in applying for the grant of financial assistance to the patients are mentioned below :—

(1) Monetary assistance shall be given to the most deserving poor patients suffering from tuberculosis, who are not at the time in-patients in hospitals or sanatoria.

(2) All such patients residing in any area of the old Composite State of Madras, irrespective of the State in which such area now lies, shall be eligible for assistance to the extent funds are available.

(3) Patients applying for assistance from the fund should produce a medical certificate of their illness from a Government doctor not below the rank of Assistant Surgeon, or Honorary Assistant Surgeon and a poverty certificate from any local Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahsildar.

(4) The patients receiving aid will be referred to a named institution for out-patient treatment or advice regarding personal precautions to prevent the spread of infection.

(5) All applications for financial assistance from the "Bhavnagar Kshayarog Fund" should be addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Health, Education and Local Administration Department, Fort St. George, Madras–9.

(6) The amount sanctioned in each case will be restricted to one year at one time and it will be paid in suitable monthly instalments by the District Medical Officers of the districts concerned. The whole amount payable for twelve months for each patient in a district will be placed at the disposal of the District Medical Officer concerned in one lump sum.

(7) Patients seeking continuance of the financial assistance for the next year should renew their applications for it, enclosing fresh medical and poverty certificates as required in sub-paragraph (3) above.

Their case will be given preference and considered favourably.